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Do Not Give To Get. Give To Inspire Others To Give."-----*Unknown*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself, I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself now and then in finding a smoother pebble or prettier shell than ordinary, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." ----Sir Isaac Newton

In my previous life as a secondary level teacher I would be preparing this August for the start of a new school year. There would be papers to distribute, equipment to organize, supplies to purchase, and finally a message to my students for the first day of school. I had tried many openers over the years but usually came back to this quotation from Sir Isaac Newton.

Isaac Newton was the greatest scientist of the 17th century. He discovered gravity, studied light and optics, laid the foundations for physics, and invented calculus. For him, there was always a new problem to study and understand.

We should also acknowledge his contributions to numismatics. As the Warden and Master of the Royal Mint, Newton was presented with the problem of a debased currency and shortages of coinage. He applied his skills as a scientist to learn about the mint and coinage. Over time he was able to eliminate counterfeiting, improve production of coinage, and introduce currency reforms.

I invite and urge you to attend this year's **James H. Laird Memorial Seminar**. You will enjoy listening to four fine speakers address the theme of '*Why Collect These?*' Our speakers have spent many years walking along the numismatic seashore picking up and studying various coins and exnumia.

At the Seminar, they will share their personal journey, while adding to your and other attendees' numismatic knowledge. ***Be There!***

Closing, I would enjoy conversing with our Members and others as opportunity allows during the full-day Seminar.

'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan
President

'The South Wins'

Southern California organized numismatics and its 'world of money' soon shall be enriched, leaving a void in northern California, when two stalwarts and true coin celebrants relocate and commence their well-earned retirements.

Steve Kramer, of Livermore, California, and Herbert Miles, of Richmond, California, after decades of service and now retired are moving to southern California, primarily to be closer to their children. They leave an exemplary record.

Steve has served in most all positions and officers of the Livermore Valley (California) Coin Club, and literally most all. He has been the primary 'spark-plug' for the Club's highly successful semiannual coin shows, housed much of the Club's archives and property, hosted picnics and Holiday parties at his home, and handled much, easing the burden on other officers. He begets an outstanding legacy of service, plus enthusiasm.

'Herb', as he is simply called, equally has been involved, particularly with the august Pacific Coast (San Francisco, California) Numismatic Society (PCNS), the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), and recently the Alameda (California) Coin Club, plus other groups as well as being a regular feature and presence at many northern California coin hobby events. He, too, bequeaths a great record of support, and also enthusiasm.

The latter, enthusiasm, is their primary legacy. Each in his way never retreated or complained or criticized; rather, in the 'old-fashion way', they stepped forward and 'rolled-up their sleeves'.

My remembrance of Steve and 'Herb' shall endure for decades, as both evolved into true friends and mentors, ones always willing to share. My enduring image shall be their ever ready positive demeanor and smiles, always contributing with a smile!

Much more could be offered. Their local coin clubs shall now have to 'step to the plate'. The hope is that Steve and 'Herb' bring to our compatriots in southern California that same enthusiasm, and their smiles, as they gave so generously here in northern California.

In behalf of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and its President 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan, Steve and 'Herb', **Best Wishes Always and Enjoy Your Retirements!**

"Good Bye? Oh, No Please! Cannot We Go Back To Page One and Do It all Over Again?"----Winnie The Pooh

Passing of Passionate Collector

Frank J. Strazzarino (1921—2018) recently passed away. While not among the towering greats of our hobby, Frank for over seventy years was a passionate collector, an 'old-school' one, who along with coins, ran model trains, enjoyed other collectibles, and had a dedication for 'GGIE', 'Golden Gate International Exposition', the famous Treasure Island 1939 and 1940 fair on an artificial island in the middle of San Francisco Bay.

Frank and I twice shared our 'GGIE' passion in two presentations, first in Vallejo, California at the esteemed rare book assemblage, The McCune Collection, and then during the August 2005 American Numismatic Association' (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money', in San Francisco, California.

Both times, Frank and I shared intensely our love of 'GGIE' and competed as to who had what and who did not have what! Of course, while we battled and bantered back and forth, the attendees know, in the end, Frank would win: he as a seventeen year old attended 'GGIE'! One of his treasured keep-sakes was a black and white Kodak snapshot of him and his mother with the Exposition's Tower of Sun in the background.

His devotion to organized numismatics was his long membership and service, in most all positions, for the august Pacific Coast (San Francisco, California) Numismatic Society, PCNS, as it is commonly named. He was also a fifty plus year member of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). At his passing, he was the 'Dean' of PCNS members, at fifty-seven years.

His late wife, Elaine, and Frank were regular attendees at both PCNS and CSNA events over the decades; Frank would share his collecting with Show 'n Tells or a prepared program.

Only health and age restricted his and Elaine's activities in recent years.

Frank was one of the last and few collectors who interests were not restricted to holes in an album or 2x2s into binder pages. He enjoyed collecting, and more importantly, sharing.

Among my fondest remembrances shall remain the two times he and I boxed-up, carried, and displayed our 'GGIE'. Our passion was evident both times.

Closing, Frank: *"Your Life Was A Blessing. Your Memory Is A Treasure. You Are Loved Beyond Words, and Missed Beyond Measure"*----Renee Wood.

RIP, Frank

Michael S. Turrini
Vallejo, California

2018 Seminar

Fifth (5th) Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
'James H. Laird Memorial Seminar'

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

734 Marin, at Capital in downtown, Vallejo, California

Registration Opens: 8:30 AM

Theme: 'Why Collect These?'

FREE Admission and Museum Open To All Attendees!

Door Prizes, Too!

The theme is an outgrowth of the discussions generated during prior four Seminars. This year's theme, again, strives to enlighten and to enhance one's numismatic enjoyment.

NCNA is proud to announce these four confirmed presenters (not in speaking order):

Scott E. Douglas *from Acton, Ontario, Canada*

Topic: 'Hudson Bay Tokens and Numismatics'

Scott D. 'SI' Griffin, *from Suisun City, California*

Topic: 'Toned Morgan Dollars'

Dr. David S. Goya, *from San Mateo, California*

Topic: 'PPIE: Panama-Pacific International Exposition'

William E. Hyder, *from Scotts Valley, California*

Topic: 'So-Called Dollars: Western States Exposition and Fairs'

Updates would be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com. Door Prizes would be added to the all-day Seminar. In addition, the four presenters would be videoed. Videos would be available afterwards at a nominal charge.

Herbert Miles is the intended Moderator. Regretfully, our beloved friend and avid supporter, **Scott D. English**, of the American Philatelic Society (APS), is unable to attend and to participate, sending his well-wishes and sincere apology. A closing panel discussion would conclude the Seminar's formal program, offering opportunity for questions and exchanges with Seminar attendees.

Your Association is proud that these devoted and recognized coin celebrants have accepted and are preparing insights as to alternatives and options for collecting, other than standard coin holders or albums or series. Their balance in scope of interest would enthrall any coin hobbyist.

With the untimely death of **James H. Laird** (1953—2018), our Association's First Vice-President, and being a Benefactor for the Seminar these three past years, the honorary and IN MEMORIAM title to this year's Seminar shall be the '**James H. Laird Memorial Seminar**'. His family has been informed of this honor and respect. It is unsure any family members may attend.

There is being planned a nice 'memorial table' at this year's Seminar in remembrance of the late **James H. Laird**. A 'Giving Tree' seeking contributions, in remembrance and respect for the late **Mr. Laird**, would be present. Donations would be welcomed and would be '*shared and shared alike*' between the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, something that the late **Mr. Laird** supported in the past, *and* our Association's Legacy Fund.

The City of Vallejo and its Mayor have been requested for a suitable Proclamation. Casino Chips, \$5.00 in value, as a keepsake and way to remember **Mr. Laird**, who was an excellent Blackjack/21 player, would be given away in gratis.

Registration begins at 8:30 PM. **Maria E. Stillwagon**, of Benicia, California, is coordinating both the Registration and 'Giving Tree'. There will be a simple on-site lunch service, and there are several eateries within easy walking distance.

Be Warned: Downtown Vallejo now enforces strict parking regulations.

2018 Seminar Patron

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the prior Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the 2018 Seminar and in its printed program.

Note: Those 'Patrons' at the 'Gold Miner' level would be generously matched, by a 'dear friend of NCNA', 'dollar for dollar': \$100.00 being doubled to \$200.00.

Patrons

As of August 1, 2018, the following generously have contributed to this year's Seminar. They are listed in order of receipt of donation:

Edward H. Jarvis, *San Francisco, California*

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A full roster of our Association's generous Patrons would be posted at the Seminar and later published in the January 2018 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Needless to say, donations----*Gold Miner or Prospector*----are encouraged and much appreciated. Again, mail your remittance directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' ASAP.

Request

Over the years, it is apparent that most all our Individual Members have email addresses. The efficiency in reminders, and promotion for the Seminar, as an example, would be greatly increased. Please add with you dues response your email, if you wish. *Thanks!*

Legacy (Memorial) Fund

As of August 1, 2018, donations have total \$7,300.00 with just under \$1,700.00 expended toward the enhancement of our organized numismatics around northern California.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**' or at EMPERORI@juno.com. Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for '*Donnell Awards*', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a nominal donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling. *Note:* The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

Notice of Two Local Northern California Groups

Your Editor has pledged and committed to continue, as best as might, these two northern California local coin hobby groups: the **Solano Silver Round Club** and the **Western Wooden Money Club**.

Both suffer small memberships and very little activity; but, both have a solid core of devoted members, many living outside of California, that want to remain members and hopefully shall renew in 2019. Your Editor is carrying the burden for both as President, Editor, Treasurer, Membership, and 'chief cook and bottle-washer'! *LOL!*

Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) meets bimonthly on the Second Thursdays, 11:00 AM arrival and no-host lunch at JJ. North's, Gateway Plaza, in Fairfield, California. The Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) is held together by its quarterly and folksy WEST WOOD.

SSRC is devoted to silver rounds and bars, and WWMC is wooden money. Inquiries are welcomed.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- Sept. 9, 2018 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 7th Annual Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Jonathan Mitchell, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Info: Phone: 925-954-5221
- Sept. 15, 2018 **VALLEJO**. The 5th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been Scheduled: Scott E. Douglas, Acton, CANADA, Dr. David S. Goya, San Mateo, Ca., William D. Hyder and Scott D. Griffin, Fairfield, Ca. The "theme" for this year is "Why I collect these?"
Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com. Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Sept. 21-23, 2018 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara: Coin, Currency, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. **Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon.** Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Sept. 28-29, 2018 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento 95834. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday 10AM to 6PM and Saturday 10AM-4PM. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Phone: 916-204-5168. Ample Free parking. **Admission \$3, Under 18 FREE.**
- Oct. 20, 2018 **STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 53rd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
- Oct. 12-4, 2018 **WALNUT CREEK**. Diablo Numismatic Society. 22nd Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show, Elk's Lodge 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek. Diablo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522. Website: diablocoinclub.org Bourse: Larry Casagrande 925-683-1180. Hours: Friday 1-6PM, Saturday 10AM-6PM and Sunday 10AM-5PM. **ADMISSION \$3, dollar discount with flyer or post card advertising.**
- Nov. 4, 2018 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club "**CANCELLED**"
- Nov.30-Dec.1,2018 **SAN FRANCISCO**. San Francisco International Coin Show Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Nan Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com Show Hours: Friday 10AM-7PM and Saturday 10AM-5PM.

- Feb. 15-16
2019 **SANTA ROSA.** Redwood Empire Coin Club 51st Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves.
Admission \$1, under 12 free.
- Feb. 17, 2019 **CUPERTINO.** "Cupertino" Coin Club 47th Annual Coin Show, St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., (corner De Anza and Stevens Creek) Cupertino, 95015 Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults**, youth 17 and under free
- April 28, 2019 **VALLEJO.** Vallejo Numismatic Society 47th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 510-305-5339
- July 27-28, 2019 **FREMONT.** Fremont Coin Club 46th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538